

and Rap Around Rap Around Rap Around Ra Kings Prepare For Grand Tour



Drummers get ready for big trip.

By JOAN M. SMITH

Neither snow, nor rain, nor wind has stopped Bishop Kearney High School's "Marching Kings" from preparing for their forthcoming trip to Europe. The band will leave on March 10 for Florence, Italy, and then it's on to Rome to perform for Pope Paul VI.

Their 10-day itinerary also includes visits to Pisa, Italy; Nice, France, and Monaco. Though the "Kings" are scheduled to perform four concerts, Raymond Shahn, director, noted from past ex-

periences they are accustomed to giving impromptu performances. Throughout the countries visited they are requested by local people to play for them. Usually it is a verbal request, except for one visit to Ireland.

On that occasion the band's itinerary was announced over a television station which caused their buses to be stopped by enthusiastic crowds who wouldn't let them continue their journey unless they performed!

There has been an added flurry of activity during recent band



Things will warm up for Marching Kings when they visit sunny Italy.



Sandy Patti, Roe Napoli and Kate Schwan get into the swirl.

Photos by Bruce Genut

practices as the concert program has been expanded to include an arrangement of "True Love," (for those of us who go back that far; it is the theme from "High Society" which starred Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly - now Princess Grace of Monaco). According to sources the princess or one of her family will attend the Monaco concert so the band decided the number would be apropos.

The "Kings" are well known at the Vatican—it will be their third performance in the Eternal City, and they are proud of the fact the

Pope invites them to play in the Papal Audience Hall.

Needless to say, the young musicians are riding high on excitement, and they all have special expectations about the trip.

For junior Lynn Bettner, clarinetist, "it's just the going overseas," while for sophomore Maria Bach, who plays the bells, it's the anticipation of seeing Florence. For Laurie Saurine, head drum major, it will be a chance to visit with relatives in Rome.

It's the first trip to Europe for trumpet player David DiDomenico who exclaimed, "I'm looking forward to playing for the Pope."

While practicing their drills the marchers have had to battle the elements, and so far have survived everything our Rochester weather has thrown at them. When last seen they were bundled in heavy jackets, scarfs, gloves, and were being blown across the practice field by gale forces. . . . John Philip Sousa would have been proud of them.

McQuaid Icers in No Mood for Sharing

By JOHN DOSER

"We wanted to wrap it up, but Penfield was not to be denied," McQuaid hockey coach Greg Wojtowicz said after his Knights and the Chiefs battled through a scoreless Monroe County Hockey League tie Saturday at Lakeshore Rinks.

The tie left McQuaid alone in first place with a 10-1-2 record with the final league game Saturday (12 Noon, at RIT) against Pittsford. The Pittsford Knights are tied with Penfield for second place (9-2-2.)

"We are the South Division champions right now and we don't want to share it," Wojtowicz added, referring to the upcoming game with Pittsford.

A Pittsford victory Saturday over McQuaid would create a two-way share of the championship between the neighborhood Knights, and should Penfield top Rush-Henrietta Saturday at the same time, the Chiefs would join in a three way share of the division title.

McQuaid can win the title all alone by beating Pittsford.

"Our game against Penfield was one of the best high school hockey games ever played in this area," Wojtowicz said.

"There were two good teams, two good referees and the result was one great hockey game. The referees did a great job — an excellent job. Tom Scheg and Charlie Watson turned in the best refereed game I've ever seen here. There wasn't one bad penalty call in the whole game."

In all probability, Wojtowicz said, it should have been a 3-2 McQuaid win.

"Joe Lortie hit the post with a slapshot, Joey Post sent one over the top of the net by inches, and Reggie Horn missed a backhand from five feet away when Penfield goalie Jim Vercruyse caught the puck.

"Penfield's Pat Kearney walked in alone on (goalie) Steve Knaub, but Knaub stopped him each time. You have to give Kearney at least two goals under normal circumstances," Wojtowicz said.

Wojtowicz offered three reasons for his team's success this season: preparation, conditioning and attitude.

"We skate just as hard as we can every day and the team's attitude is the finest of any team around," Wojtowicz said.

McQuaid's goal for the season is to become the best team around.

"We did have a chance Saturday, but we did not accomplish our goal. Penfield was not to be denied," Wojtowicz repeated.

Vercruyse was great, but Knaub was greater, Wojtowicz said.

"Knaub holds us together. He's the greatest goalie in the league. We take chances most teams wouldn't normally take because we know he's back there."

Knaub, a 5-11, 155-pound senior, owns three shutouts and a goals-against average of 1.25.

"He's got the personality of a great goalie, he's cool when the heat is on, when pucks are flying around, nobody knows the angles better than he does, he's very fast with his hands and legs, he attacks the puck carrier on one-on-one situations and he'll come out and take the puck right off the stick. If he's scored upon, he

immediately forgets about it," Wojtowicz explained.

"We watch a lot of films of NHL goaltenders. Knaub saw one last week on Glen Hall in the 1968 Stanley Cup games. He drew a lot of techniques just from that film alone," Wojtowicz said.

There are many McQuaid heroes, both on offense and defense, and oddly enough, McQuaid doesn't have a big scorer among the league's top 15.

"We don't have a (Wayne) Rood, (Pat) Kearney or (Stu) Seedhouse," Wojtowicz said. "We have just a bunch of kids who want to win. They don't care about running up the score. They just want to leave the ice with one more goal than the other guy."

These are the Knights' other hockey heroes: defenseman Greg Isaac, a 6-1, 160-pound senior considered to be McQuaid's top blue-liner and an excellent rusher;

Center Mike Courneen, a 6-2, 165-pound senior who scored all McQuaid's goals in the 3-2 win over Irondequoit and who held Webster's high scoring Stu Seedhouse to "bumps and bruises."

Captain Mike McTigue, a 5-6, 140-pound playmaking senior left winger who is the best hustler on the club with an excellent shot and who is often blamed by Wojtowicz for being too unselfish with the puck;

Right winger Mark Metzger, a 5-10, 170-pound senior who scores most of the Knights' goals;

Joe Lortie, a 5-7, 150-pound fancy senior skater and stickhandler who owns a devastating slapshot which earned the Knights their 3-3 tie earlier in the season against Aquinas;

Joe Post, a 5-10, 155-pound freshman defenseman who is the only first year performer among the starting six;

And Peter Hoffend, a 5-10, 160-pound junior center, who teams with Mike Mercier, a 5-6 1/2, 140 pound junior defenseman, as the Knights' top penalty killers.

Will the Knights turn back Pittsford and lock up the South Division championship Saturday?

"This is our year," Wojtowicz replied. "We will lose nine seniors next year. We don't want to share anything," he added.